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## (54) PRODUCTION OF POLYGLYCEROL FATTY ACID ESTERS

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To obtain polyglycerol fatty acid esters of high monoester content by esterification of fatty acid with polyglycerol to a certain esterification degree followed by continuation of the reaction at a increased temperature.

CONSTITUTION: Polyglycerol is allowed to react with a fatty acid to give a polyglycerol fatty acid ester (PoGE). At this time, the reaction temperature is set to from 180 to 260° C at least until the conversion of the fatty acid reaches at least 70%. Then, the reaction temperature is raised further by 10 to 50° C and the reaction is continued. The polyglycerol used or a raw material has 4 to 14 average polymerization degree and 1100 to 850 hydroxyl value. The fatty acid is, for example, stearic, oleic, palmitic or lauric acid, etc. According to the process, rearrangement occurs between highly substituted PoGE of di- or higher esters and unreactig polyglycerol to give monoesters. PoGE is approved as a food additive, a safe surfactant, and is used as a food emulsifier or a food solubilizer.

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CLAIMS

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[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The manufacture approach of the polyglyceryl fatty acid ester which makes reaction temperature until the conversion ratio of a fatty acid reaches to at least 70% 180 degrees C - 260 degrees C in the approach of making polyglycerin and a fatty acid reacting and manufacturing polyglyceryl fatty acid ester, and is characterized by raising further 10-50 degrees C of reaction temperature, and making it react after that.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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[Detailed Description of the Invention]

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[0002]

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[0003] As a process of PoGE, the approach by the esterification reaction of polyglycerin and a fatty acid is usually learned (JP,62-45513,A). This reaction has good reactivity, and it is made to react, distilling off generation water out of the system of reaction using a small amount of alkali catalyst. Moreover, although reaction temperature changes with classes of fatty acid, it is usually about 180-260 degrees C. If it reacts at an elevated temperature not much, a fault reaction and volatilization of a fatty acid happen and are disadvantageous. One of the troubles of this approach is that PoGE with many monoester object contents with the largest application is difficult to get. That is, in PoGE which unreacted polyglycerin remained so much and generated in one side in the product by this approach even if it presented the reaction with a fatty acid and polyglycerin by the mole ratio of 1:1, PoGE of whenever [ more than diester / high permutation ] is \*\*\*\*\* rare \*\*\*\*\*.

[0004]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] In case this invention makes polyglycerin and a fatty acid react in view of the above-mentioned actual condition, it tends to offer the manufacture approach of PoGE with many monoester object contents.

[0005]

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to solve the above-mentioned technical problem, as a result of repeating examination wholeheartedly, after this invention person etc. advanced the esterification reaction of polyglycerin and a fatty acid to some extent, by pulling up the temperature of a reaction mixture and continuing a reaction, he found out that PoGE with many monoester object contents was obtained, and completed this invention.

[0006] That is, this invention consists in the manufacture approach of PoGE which makes reaction temperature until the conversion ratio of a fatty acid reaches to at least 70% 180 degrees C - 260 degrees C, and is characterized by raising further 10-50 degrees C of reaction temperature, and making it react after that in the approach of making polyglycerin and a fatty acid reacting and manufacturing PoGE. Hereafter, this invention is explained to a detail. In this invention, average degree of polymerization usually uses the thing of 4-14, and hydroxyl values 1100-850 as raw material polyglycerin. Stearin acid, oleic acid, a palmitic acid, and a lauric acid are usually mentioned, using the fatty acid of the saturation of C8-C22, or partial saturation as a raw material fatty acid. the amount of polyglycerin and the fatty acid used -- it is going to manufacture -- although it changes with presentations of PoGE -- polyglycerin -- receiving -- 0.01-10-mol twice -- it is 0.1-5-mol twice preferably. If there is too much amount of the fatty acid used, what has many monoester object contents is not made, and if too few, the amount of generation of PoGE will decrease.

[0007] At the reaction of this invention, although a solvent may be used, the polyglycerin of an excessive amount is usually used to serve also as a solvent. In addition, although unreacted polyglycerin will remain in a reaction mixture in this case, this is removable by approaches, such as solvent extraction. Moreover, the mixture which contained polyglycerin depending on the field of the invention may be used as it is.

[0008] Although the reaction of this invention may be performed with a non-catalyst, an alkali catalyst is usually used. as an alkali catalyst -- K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, KOH, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, NaOH, etc. -- it is -- polyglycerin -- receiving -- 5x10<sup>-7</sup>-1-mol twice -- desirable -- a 5x10<sup>-6</sup>-0.1-mol time -- it uses. Reaction temperature until the conversion ratio of a fatty acid reaches to at least 70% is 180-260 degrees C, and is 200-250 degrees C preferably. Reaction time is usually 0.5 - 15 hours.

[0009] A reaction is usually heated to predetermined temperature, teaching and agitating polyglycerin, a fatty acid, and a catalyst to a mixing vessel type reactor, and it is performed, distilling off generation water out of the system of reaction. In this invention, in an esterification reaction, 70% or more, preferably, the conversion ratio of a fatty acid reacts with said reaction temperature until it reaches to 95% or more still more preferably, and it continues a reaction rather than this temperature after that 80% or more at 10-50 degrees

C and desirable temperature high 10–30 degrees C. Although the reaction time after this temperature up changes with conversion ratios of the fatty acid at the time of carrying out a temperature up, it is 1 – 4 hours preferably from the time of the conversion ratio of a fatty acid becoming 100% for 0.5 to 6 hours. Reaction time is suitably chosen according to the fatty acid of a raw material, and the mole ratio of polyglycerin within the limits of this, for example, is [ at a fatty acid / polyglycerin =1.0 mole ratio ] 4 hours in a fatty acid / polyglycerin =0.3 mole ratio in a fatty acid / polyglycerin =5.0 mole ratio for 2 hours for 1 hour. If this reaction time is too short, it is difficult to make [ many ] the content of the monoester object in Generation PoGE. Moreover, as for the reactor gaseous-phase section, it is desirable during a series of reactions to circulate inert gas, such as nitrogen gas. Removal of the polyglycerin which remains after reaction termination and in a reaction mixture should just add the usual purification means for solvent extraction etc.

[0010]

[Effect of the Invention] The rearrangement of a fatty-acid radical produces this invention between PoGE of a high substitution product more than the once generated diester, and unreacted polyglycerin, and it is thought that a monoester object generates. Therefore, compared with the conventional manufacture approach, PoGE with many contents of a monoester object is obtained.

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[0012] After performing an esterification reaction at 2–3240 degrees C of examples for 2.25 hours, it carried out by the same approach as an example 1 except having carried out the temperature up to the temperature shown in Table -1, and having performed the reaction for 4 hours. The result was described in Table -1.

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[Table 1]

表-1

	昇温後の反応条件		PoGE組成		未反応 ポリグリ セリン (wt%)
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[0015]

[Table 2]

<LC analysis conditions> Equipment Shimadzu LC-10A column Asahi pak ODS 6x150mm carrier H2 O/(MeOH:THF=1:2) Detector with 0.7 ml/min GURAJIENTO ELSD (EBAPORETIBU light sputtering detector) 125 degrees C N2 55mm (gage)

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